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The automated era in which we live continues to provide more and more leisure time for Americans to devote to recreational activities and hobbies. One of the fastest growing hobbies in the U.S. today is genealogy, tracing one's family history.

The Goff Family is a very old American Family. One which has been associated with many developments of American History. One of which we may justly be very proud.

When one begins a genealogical study, he often anticipates a day when he can compile his material into book form. But writing a comprehensive genealogy requires many years of research and there are always some loose ends causing one to delay, hoping to turn up the missing links. The result is that the book never becomes a reality or that it appears too late for many people who would have enjoyed and profited by the researcher's labors. The alternative to collecting the material for a book for the future is to publish a family newsletter as we are attempting to do in GOFF FAMILY NOTES.

We anticipate issuing four newsletters a year. Our first year will be an experimental one with continuance beyond the first year dependent upon the support received from the GOFF descendants. We will need their support in the form of subscriptions and also in donating material to be printed in future issues.

We would suggest that you bind your copies into a notebook. Why not begin a notebook for each of your children or grandchildren? Perhaps you can present it to them as a gift which they will cherish in future years.

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If our experiment proves successful our field of interest will be expanded to include Goff's from all over the United States. But the first few issues will be devoted primarily to those Goff's who settled in the Midwest.

This first issue will be devoted to DAVID GOFF, born in Connecticut on December 28, 1798, the son of Squire and Experience Brainerd Goff.

The following is an excerpt from the Biographical and Historical Record of Vermillion County, Indiana; The Lewis Publishing Company, 113 Adams Street, Chicago; 1888; pages 388-389.

"Philander Goff, of Highland Township, is a representative of one of the earliest pioneer families of Vermillion County, his father, David Goff, settling in Highland Township in 1823. The Goff family originated in Wales, Three brothers coming to America in an early day in the history of the country, one of whom settled in Canada, one in Rhode Island and the other in New Jersey.

"David Goff was born in Connecticut in 1798, and in 1804, when he was but six years old, his father immigrated to Western New York, settling in Monroe County. In 1815 David, then a youth of seventeen years, left the homestead and with his brothers, Brainard and Almon, started West, gradually working their way until they reached Carlisle, Indiana, where they worked for some time in a distillery. In 1823, they came up the Wabash River to Perrysville, stopping along the route and working at all points where new towns were building, between Carlisle and Covington. They did not then decide to locate at Perrysville, but continued their journeyings to what is now the city of Chicago. They soon returned to Perrysville and assisted in erecting the first building in that place and also at Terre Haute, and now decided to end their journeyings and locate. David and Almon entered eighty acres of land about two miles west of Perrysville and Brainard located about a mile west of them. David and Almon spent the rest of their lives in this county, living to be over eighty years old, and Brainard died in La Porte, Indiana.

"David Goff became a worthy and respected citizen, being highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was for forty years a member of the Baptist Church. He married Mary Hughes, who was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, November 9, 1807, and died October 6, 1866. Mr. Goff died September 7, 1881. They were the parents of eight children, two sons and six daughters, all of whom are living and all but two residents of Vermillion County.

"Philander Goff was born in Highland Township, near where he now lives, September 30, 1834. He has been married three times. His first wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Gouty, died April 24, 1863. To them were born three children, but one of whom, Jeremiah, is living. Mr. Goff was married the second time to Mrs. Marantha (Cossey) Gouty, and to them were born five children, only one of whom, William H., is living. His present wife was Anna Elizabeth Fox, a daughter of John L. Fox, and they have six children -- Flora Belle, Lewis D., John B., Lilly B., Stillman and Effie. Mr. Goff has lived on his present homestead since 1860, where he has a fine farm and beautiful home. His two eldest sons are married and reside on farms near their father, given to them by their grandparents on their mother's side. Mr. Goff is a Democrat in politics."

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The heirs of David Goff gathered for the first Goff Reunion in 1904. The Goff Reunion still remains an annual affair being held the second Sunday in June in the City Park in Covington, Indiana. Descendants of David Goff and other Goff relatives are always welcome.

An account of that first Goff Reunion is recorded in the August 12, 1904 issue of The Perrysville Blue Pencil.



DAVID GOFF HEIRS' REUNION  
WAS HELD SUNDAY AT THE OLD HOMESTEAD

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"Sunday, the David Goff heirs met at the old homestead in the first reunion of the immediate living heirs. All were present. Mrs. William McGloflin lives at the old home, and it was at her house where the reunion was held. All the Goff children except Squire Goff, who lives at Kokomo, live within a radius of a few miles of the old homestead, where all were born and reared. All were born in Highland Township. There were nine children, seven of whom are living, Mrs. Ephraim Shute being the oldest aged 74. The next two are dead. Philander comes next, aged 69; Mrs. Elias Metzger, 67; Mrs. James Smith, 65; Mrs. J. K. Shelly, 63; Mrs. Mary McGloflin, 57, and Squire Goff, 55.

"The Grandchildren number forty-two; The great grandchildren, sixty and the great great grandchildren, two, making 117 living descendants of David Goff.

"That this was a genuine reunion and love feast was proven by the "breaking of Bread" and feasting, which began at 11:30 a. m. and was kept up until 4 o'clock p.m. About 90 people were fed, and so abundant were the delicacies placed upon the tables, that each individual lingered long at the board and retired completely satisfied with his fullness thereof.

"A camera was at hand and photographs of direct heirs were taken. Also a group of nearly all who were present.

"The direct heirs are Mrs. Ephraim Shute, who has eight children and two grandchildren living. Angeline Burdick, deceased, leaves two heirs. The next boy died in his infancy. Philander Goff comes next. He has nine children living, one each by his first and second wife, and seven by his present wife. He has a large number of grandchildren. Mrs. Elias Metzger has three children living; Mrs. James Smith, six; Mrs. J. K. Shelly, two, Squire Goff, eight, and Mary McGloflin, four."

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The David Goff Family Bible, which was given to David and Mary upon their marriage by her father, Constantine Hughes, is presently owned by Mrs. Minnie Fox, Route 1, Perrysville, Indiana. Mrs. Fox is the great granddaughter of David and Mary Hughes Goff. Unfortunately, there was no genealogical data recorded in this Bible.

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Mrs. Minnie Fox and her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Stine, have supplied the following genealogical data on the family of David Goff.

David Goff was born 28 December 1798 in Connecticut. He died 7 September 1881 in Vermillion County, Indiana. He was married in Vermillion County 17 September 1829 to Mary Hughes, the daughter of Constantine and Hannah Gifford Hughes. Mary was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, on 9 November 1807. She died in Vermillion County 6 October 1866. They are buried in Hopewell Cemetery, north of Gessie, Highland Township, Vermillion Co., Indiana.

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All of the children of David and Mary Goff were born in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. Their children are listed below.

1. Elzina Goff, born 13 June 1830, married Ephraim Shute 1 Jan. 1851, in Vermillion County, Indiana. She died 24 Oct. 1909. Ephraim, the son of Richard and Hannah McCartney Shute, was born 8 September 1827. He died 18 June 1908. They are buried in Hopewell Cemetery.
2. Angeline (Angelina) Goff, born 3 March 1832, married William H. Burdick, 19 September 1852, in Vermillion County, Indiana. She died near Moundville, Missouri, where she is buried.
3. According to the above newspaper account, they lost an infant son between Angeline and Philander.
4. Philander Goff, born 30 September 1834, married first to Elizabeth Gouty, daughter of Henry and Rebecca Whitsell Gouty, on 16 September 1857, in Vermillion County, Indiana; second to Marantha (Cossey) Gouty, widow of Henry Gouty, Jr., on 10 October 1863, in Vermillion County, Indiana; and third to Anna Elizabeth Fox, daughter of John L. Fox, on 23 July 1872 in Vermillion County, Illinois. Philander Goff died 23 December 1905. Elizabeth Gouty Goff, born 31 January 1840, died 24 April 1863. Marantha Cossey Goff, born 28 August 1836, died 20 January 1872. Anna Fox Goff, born 25 February 1848, at Miamisburg, Ohio, was the daughter of John L. and Susan Hilligüs Fox. Anna died 29 January 1930. Philander and his wives are buried in Hopewell Cemetery.
5. Hannah Experience Goff, born 10 March 1836, married Elias Metzger, 4 November 1856, in Vermillion County, Illinois. She died 9 August 1908. Elias, born 21 May 1830, the son of Jonas and Mary Craig Metzger, died 12 January 1865. They are buried in Hopewell Cemetery.
6. Lucretia Goff, born 9 August 1838, married 1 January 1866, to James Smith. She died 12 July 1926. James Smith, born 13 December 1834, in Fountain County, Indiana, the son of Rhoads and Christianna Conner Smith, died 6 September 1929. They are buried in Hopewell Cemetery.
7. Martha Goff, born 12 April 1843, married John K. Shelly, 4 October 1877. She died 22 February 1912. John Shelly, born 8 June 1845, died 17 October 1917. They are buried in Hopewell Cemetery.
8. Squire Goff, born 10 December 1845, married Mayme Elberson, 20 August 1867, in Vermillion County, Illinois. He is buried in Indianapolis.
9. Mary Goff, born 8 September 1849, married first to William McLaughlin, 21 November 1878, and second to. Boughner.

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Please carefully check all of the above dates. We want to have this record as accurate as possible. Please send any corrections to the editor.

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Would a representative from each of the above families prepare a list of children of each of those marriages, giving birthdates, marriage dates and to whom married and the death date and place of burial for each of the grandchildren of David Goff? We would like to present this material in a future issue. Thank you.

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A search was made in the Vermillion County Courthouse for David Goff's will. Apparently, he did not make a will as none could be found.

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### Queries

In each issue there will be a section devoted to queries from subscribers regarding their Goff genealogical problems. Your queries should be sent to the editor and answers will be printed in a future issue. If you can answer any of these queries, please send them to the editor. Thank you.

We need answers to the following questions to make the David Goff record more complete.

Q-1 When did Angeline Goff Burdick die?

Q-2 Who were the parents of William Burdick and what are his birth and death dates?

Q-3 When was the infant son of David and Mary Goff born and when did he die? Was he named?

Q-4 Where were Lucretia Goff and James Smith married?

Q-5 Where were Martha Goff and John Shelly married?

Q-6 Who were the parents of Mayme Elberson and what are her dates?

Q-7 When did Squire Goff die?

Q-8 Who were the parents of William McLaughlin and Boughner? What are their dates?

Q-9 When did Mary Boughner die? Where is she buried?

Q-10 In the 1860 Census, there is an Edward F. Goff, living with David and Mary Goff in Highland Twp., Vermillion County, Indiana. This Edward, born in N. Y., is probably David's nephew. Can someone give any additional information regarding this Edward Goff?

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Tell all of your Goff relatives about the GOFF FAMILY NOTES!!!!  
Remember we need your help in the form of donated material for future issues of the newsletter.





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Three Goff brothers settled in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana, in 1823. They were David, Almon and Brainard, sons of Squire and Experience Brainard Goff. The first issue of GOFF FAMILY NOTES was devoted to David Goff. His brother, Almon Goff, will be the topic of this issue.

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It has become evident that the family ties were much stronger in the David Goff family than in Almon's family. It was relatively easy to secure information regarding David and his children but gathering data on Almon's family has been an entirely different story. Most of David's family remained near the place of their nativity, whereas, Almon's descendants quickly scattered and little can be found about some of them. We will probably never be able to have as complete a record for Almon's family as we do for David's. Nevertheless, we will record what we have learned about Almon.

We face a handicap at the very outset of Almon's story in that no record has been found of his exact birthdate. The census records indicate that he was born in 1796. His gravestone indicates that he died November 7, 1864, aged 68 years, 5 months and 23 days. Figuring back from this date, we may ascertain that Almon was born on or about May 15, 1796. (Some genealogists have recorded that Almon was younger than David. However, he was nearly two and a half years older than David.)

Considering the birthplace of Almon presents another problem. In the 1850 census, Almon reported that he was born in Massachusetts. In the 1860 census he said that it was in Connecticut. And the Brainard-Brainard Family Genealogy recorded his birth in Rush County, New York. Although the Brainard source is a printed genealogy held in high repute, we may readily discount Rush County as his birthplace. David Goff, born in 1798 (two years after Almon) consistently reported his birthplace to be Connecticut. The Squire Goff family did not migrate from Connecticut to New York until 1804 (Vol. I, No. 1, Page 2). Although the family may have lived in Massachusetts in 1796 and moved to Connecticut by the time of David's birth in 1798, it is more likely that Squire Goff continued to live in Connecticut after his marriage, in 1784, to Experience Brainard. The Brainards lived in Haddam, Middlesex County, Connecticut. Therefore, let us conclude that Almon Goff was born on (or about) May 15, 1796, in Connecticut, the son of Squire and Experience Brainard Goff.

Almon Goff served in the War of 1812. Soldiers in the War of 1812 were often given pensions or bounty land for the service which they had rendered. In 1855 Almon made an application for bounty land. There were some discrepancies in this application as to the dates of his service and the officers under which he served. Apparently he served only about one month, from March to April, 1814. He was a private in the Militia of the Township of Avon, Ontario County, New York.



In another portion of the application, it states that Almon had enlisted for three months about the last of May or the first of June, 1814. He went to Batavia, New York, where he was issued his arms. Then he marched to Eleven Mile Creek and remained stationed there for about thirty days, at which time he and his buddies were relieved by the regulars from Sackett's Harbor.

Several names are given as the commanding officers under which Almon had served. It seems that Almon could not clearly recollect their names. He gave his captain's name as Captain Gifford but the Commissioner of the Pension Office could not find Almon's name on Captain Gifford's role. Almon's original application, made in 1855, was the one in which he named Captain Gifford. In 1860, he made a supplemental statement, apparently because he was unable to obtain the bounty land as a result of the original statement. In the second statement, Almon reports that he can not remember his Captain's name. He believed that his colonel was Daniel Davis or Colonel Avery Smith. He also remembered a Captain Madison or Mattison and another named Mussulman.

Almon's statements were made before George H. McNeill, who was a Notary Public for Vermillion County, Indiana. (Almon was living in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana, when he made his application.) Supporting depositions were made on Almon's behalf to obtain bounty land by his brother, David Goff, who was also living in Highland Township, and Stillman Goff, who was a resident of Elba, Genesee County, New York. This Stillman was probably also a brother to Almon. It is known that he did have a brother Stillman.

There also has been some question about the spelling of Almon's name. His name is written "Elmond" on his gravestone. The spelling "Elmond" was handed down a couple of generations among his descendants. Sometimes it was written "Almond". But he states in the application for the bounty land that his name should be spelled "Almon".

In 1815 (see Vol. I, No. 1, Page 2), Almon and two of his brothers, David and Brainard, bid farewell to their family in New York and headed westward. They were all unmarried at the time of their departure. The exact route which they followed is unknown but they probably sailed down the Ohio River and then up the Wabash River, as that was the common method of traveling into the interior in that early day.

By 1818, they are located in Crawford County, Illinois. On October 14, 1818, Almon Goff was married in Crawford County to Angeline HARRIS, who was born about September 28, 1799, in New Jersey.

Little is known about the ancestry of Angeline Harris Goff. Her father is believed to have been Israel Harris. The Harris Family was prominent in New Jersey history but we have not yet had the time to pursue this Harris genealogy.

Israel Harris, the presumed father of Angeline Goff, was in Crawford County, Illinois, in 1818. Israel kept a tavern at the site of Hutsonville, Crawford County, on the Vincennes to Chicago Road. He was listed there in the 1820 Federal Census of Illinois. Sometime after that he moved to Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. It is known that he had a son named Andrew Harris. After this point we have no trace of Israel. If anyone has any information relative



to this Israel Harris or the Harris genealogy of New Jersey, we would very much appreciate hearing from you.

The Goff brothers remained in Crawford County, Illinois, until after 1821. They are next located in Carlisle, Indiana, working in a distillery. By 1823, the three had arrived in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. They continued on to Chicago but soon returned to Perrysville to settle. Almon and David spent the rest of their lives in Highland Township, but Brainard moved once again to LaPorte County, Indiana.

Almon Goff died November 7, 1864. His wife, Angeline Harris Goff, died April 31, 1867. They were buried in the Hicks Cemetery, west of Perrysville, Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. The will of Almon Goff is recorded in The Vermillion County Will Record, Volume II, pages 204-211, in the county courthouse in Newport, Indiana.

As far as we are able to determine, Almon and Angeline Harris Goff had seven children. Their names were Laura, Elmond, George W., Melissa, David W., Martin H. and Isabella. We have been unable to determine the exact birthdate of any of these children, but from the census records we are able to arrive at an approximate date of birth for each of them.

#### THE CHILDREN OF ALMON AND ANGELINE HARRIS GOFF

- I. LAURA GOFF was born while the family was still in Crawford County, Illinois. She was born in 1821 according to Harvey Hunt's Bible (the month and day of her birth were not stated.) She was married in Vermillion County, Indiana, March 17, 1842, to Harvey Lee HUNT. (Her name is written "Louisa" on the marriage record.) She died December 2, 1879. Harvey L. Hunt was born September 28, 1818, in Clay County, Indiana. (The source of his birthdate and place is his Bible.) He was the son of Tunis and Elizabeth Ludington Hunt. Harvey died April 18, 1901. He and Laura are buried in the Hicks Cemetery.

Laura Goff and Harvey Hunt had the following children:

- A. Angeline Hunt was born April 20, 1842, according to the Volkel Family Bible. She died December 6, 1912. She was married January 17, 1867, to Henry VOLKEL, who was born September 24, 1835, in Sassen Weimar in Germany. In 1854, Henry and his thirteen year old cousin, Carl Franz Schreiber, decided to come to America to avoid military conscription in Germany. They were to sail from Bremen, Germany, within two days of April 15, 1854. They sailed on the ship "Blücher" under Captain Jansen. They landed in Baltimore, Maryland, June 1, 1854.

Henry Volkel, and perhaps also Frank Schreiber, traveled westward to Ohio. Henry worked for five years in Muskingum County, Ohio. He then continued westward to Indiana. On July 28, 1862, Henry enlisted for military service at Williamsport, Indiana. He was a private in Company F, 72nd Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. He was in General Wilder's Brigade, which fought in the battle of Chickamauga. He was detailed as a nurse for awhile. He was mustered out of service on June 26, 1865. After the War, Henry settled in Highland Township. He died there March



8, 1913. He and Angeline are buried in the Hicks Cemetery.

Little is known about Henry Volkel's German ancestry. It is believed that his parents' names were Franklin and Christina Volkel.

The children of Angeline Hunt and Henry Volkel were Franklin, Minnie E., Lily May, Charles, William Harvey and Laura Christina. Franklin and Charles died in infancy. Minnie became the wife of Alfred Spandau, Lily married Thomas T. Hines, and Laura is Mrs. Charles E. Stevens. Of these children, only Laura, born August 8, 1878, is still living.

B. Elmond Hunt was born June 7, 1849. He died October 23, 1917. He married February 1, 1877, to Caroline (Carrie) Spry, the daughter of David and Patsy Spry. Carrie was born May 8, 1853, and died January 4, 1918. They are buried in the Hicks Cemetery. Their two sons were William Oscar and Albert E. Hunt. William Oscar died October 14, 1918, during World War I. He was buried at sea but a stone has been erected for him in Hicks Cemetery.

C. William H. Hunt was born in 1854. He died March 16, 1887. His wife was Anna Hughes. She was born in 1863 and died in 1932. They are buried in Hicks Cemetery. Oscar Charles Hunt was their son.

D. Mary Hunt was the youngest child in the Harvey Hunt family. Her birth-date is unknown. She died in Lafayette, Indiana, and was buried in Indianapolis. She was the wife of Howard H. Rogers. They had two children, Harvey E. Rogers, who died August 9, 1940, and Helen Rogers Frankenburg, who died in October, 1965.

II. ELMOND GOFF was born about March 4, 1826, after the family had settled in Highland Township. He was married February 8, 1849, to Eleanor (Ellen) J. Haines, the daughter of Jacob and Chesty Wann Haines. Elmond died Sept. 17, 1849. They had one daughter, Martha J. Goff. Ellen married again, September 8, 1853, in Vermillion County, Indiana, to George M. Sanders. They moved to Vinton, Benton County, Iowa. Nothing more is known about Martha J. Goff. We would appreciate receiving information concerning her.

III. GEORGE W. GOFF was born about 1828. He was married March 31, 1850, in Vermillion County, Indiana, to Cornelia, daughter of Cornelius Miller. She was born March 2, 1834, and died September 26, 1885. George and Cornelia were divorced and each married again. George W. Goff and Adolphine M. Harger were married in Vermilion County, Illinois, September 7, 1864. Cornelia became the second wife of Ezekiel Sanders. George and Cornelia had three daughters. He and Adolphine had one son, perhaps others. We have no trace at all of George Goff after his listing in the 1880 census for Vermilion Co., Illinois. We would like to hear from anyone who knows when and where George died and something of his descendants by the second marriage.

The children of George Goff were:

A. Angeline Goff was born May 23, 1854. She was married in Vermillion Co., Indiana, on March 1, 1871, to James S. Neel. Angeline died May 8, 1930. James Neel was born February 14, 1852, and died September 13, 1919. The children of Angeline Goff and James Neel were William, Bud, Emma Sears, Alfred, Claude and Maude, and Frank. Claude and Maude were twins, born



March 2, 1881. Maude Neel Cook died in 1951.

- B. Lillie Goff was born about 1857. She was married in Vermillion Co., Indiana, February 10, 1876, to Peter G. Parker. They lived in Clinton, Missouri. They had no children.
- C. Ellen Goff was born April 24, 1859. (Mrs. Horkman wrote that Ellen was born in 1849, but the census records indicate that it was 1859.) She was married in Vermillion County, Indiana, October 29, 1874, to Harvey Hughes. Ellen Goff Hughes died in 1924. Harvey Hughes was born July 27, 1849, and died in 1930. Children of Ellen Goff and Harvey Hughes were: (1) Mary Alice Hughes, wife of Howard Green, mother of Evangeline Steen (Canyon City, Colo.); Earl D. Green (Concordia, Kansas); Bertha Pontius; and Ernest Green (Boise, Idaho). (2) Cynthia Anna Hughes, wife of Ellis Jones, mother of Erma Rashleigh (Hardy, Nebraska); Lesley Jones (Eugene, Oregon); Lela Jones (Munden, Kansas). (3) Hattie Matilda Hughes, wife of Howell Prosser, mother of William Prosser (Escondido, Calif.); Madeline Volgamore (Grand Junction, Colo.). (4) LeeOta Blanche Hughes, wife of Glenn Appleby, mother of Faithe Van Buskirk (Flagstaff, Ariz.); Sheldon Appleby (San Francisco, Calif.); Loren Pfluke (Whittier, Calif.); Annabelle Massey (Pasadena, Calif.) (5) Ruth Lillian Hughes, wife of Alfred Horkman, mother of Harold A. Horkman (St. Louis, Mo.); Dennie Horkman (Wayne, Kansas); and Norma Bodin (Tipton, Kansas).

The above information on Angeline Neel, Lilly Parker and Ellen Hughes was supplied by Mrs. Alfred Horkman, 811 Matthew St., Concordia, Kansas 66901.

- D. Charles E. Goff was born about 1869, son of George's second wife. We know nothing more of this Charles. We would like to hear from his descendants.

- IV. MELISSA GOFF was born about December 31, 1830. She was married December 26, 1850, in Vermilion County, Illinois, to Ezekiel SANDERS. Melissa died March 6, 1868. Ezekiel married again to Cornelia Miller Goff. Ezekiel Sanders was born about January 23, 1827, the son of Leonard Sanders. Ezekiel died July 10, 1875. He is buried with Melissa in the Hicks Cemetery.

The children of Melissa Goff and Ezekiel Sanders were:

- A. Loretta B. Sanders was born October 6, 1852, on the Sanders homeplace near Perrysville, Indiana. She was married near Eugene, Indiana, on January 28, 1869, to Stephen Marion Sanders. Stephen was born in Missouri, September 28, 1845, the son of James and Eunice Seay Sanders.

This James was the son of George Sanders and Lavinia Mayes. And George was a brother of Leonard Sanders, father of Ezekiel. George and Leonard were sons of William Sanders.

James, the father of Stephen M. Sanders, moved with his family to Missouri. There James mysteriously disappeared. George Sanders then traveled to Missouri and brought his daughter-in-law, Eunice Seay Sanders, and his grandchildren, Stephen Marion, Clarissa, Annie and Jemima, back to Indiana.

Loretta B. Sanders died September 14, 1891. Stephen Marion Sanders died April 13, 1929. They were buried in Hicks Cemetery.



Children of Loretta and Stephen M. Sanders were: James H. (born Nov. 11, 1869; died 1951); Charles M. (born Nov. 4, 1871); Eunice F. (born Dec. 29, 1873; died 1896); Lula J. (born Dec. 6, 1875; died 1895); Effie M. (born Feb. 7, 1878; died 1914); Belva Melissa (born Sept. 25, 1884; died 1907); and Everett H. (born July 28, 1889; died 1910).

- B. David Sanders was born about 1854. Nothing more is known to the editor about this David Sanders, except that he lived in Portland, Oregon.
- C. Charles M. Sanders was born August 2, 1857, near Perrysville. He was married December 2, 1880, to Rebecca F. Woodard. He died January 23, 1914. Rebecca was born February 13, 1860, and died November 17, 1936. They are buried in Hicks Cemetery. They had one daughter, Fern L., who became the wife of Clarence Bennett.
- D. Isaac Sanders was born about 1860. Nothing more is known about Isaac.
- E. Harry E. Sanders was born March 13, 1863. He moved from Highland Twp. to Eugene in 1885. He was married December 30, 1886, to Alice Hildren, born in Fountain Co., Ind., the daughter of Charles Hildren. We do not have the names of any children for Harry and Alice.
- F. William Tecumseh Sanders was born near Perrysville, June 24, 1864. He was married December 8, 1892, to Mary A. Malone, daughter of Wesley Malone. William died March 24, 1937. Mary A. was born in 1873 and died in 1957. They had one daughter, Leora B. Sanders Engstrom, who died November 25, 1930; leaving two children, Beverly Leone and Lynn Dale Engstrom.

The information on the Sanders Family was supplied by Mrs. Charles (Grace) Sanders, Perrysville, Indiana, and from newspaper clippings.

- V. DAVID W. GOFF was born between 1833 and 1835. The surname of his wife, Lillie, is unknown. She was born in Wisconsin. They had at least one son, William Goff, born in 1860. They may have had other children. They apparently moved away from this area. We would like to receive information about this David.
- VI. MARTIN H. GOFF was born about February, 1836. He died December 9, 1857, aged 21 years. He was unmarried. He was buried in Hicks Cemetery.
- VII. MARYBELLE GOFF (sometimes referred to as Isabella) was born about July 1, 1838. She died June 3, 1863, aged 24 years, and was buried in Hicks Cemetery. She was not married.

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If you have any additions or corrections to make to the above lists of children for Almon and Angeline Goff, please send them to the editor.

Birthdates which were listed as "about" were determined from census records or by figuring back from the age given at death.

Remember to tell your Goff relatives about this newsletter!!! Send orders to the editor. Suggestion! Send GOFF FAMILY NOTES as Christmas gifts.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DESCENDANTS OF  
DAVID and MARY HUGHES GOFF

Mrs. Zola Crouse, Box 169, Waynetown, Indiana 47990, has submitted the following information on the family of Lucretia Goff Smith, daughter of David Goff (see Issue 1, page 4, # 6).

The children of James and Lucretia Goff Smith were:

- I. CHARLES EDWARD SMITH was born September 25, 1866, in Vermillion County, Indiana. He and Mary Ellen Swank were married September 27, 1891, at Elmdale, Montgomery County, Indiana. She was born February 26, 1864, and died August 18, 1924. She was the daughter of Andrew and Abigail Swank. Charles died December 18, 1953. They are buried in the Hopewell Cemetery, north of Gessie, Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana.  
The children of Charles and Mary Smith are:
  - A. An infant died at birth on July 21, 1893.
  - B. An infant died at birth on May 31, 1896.
  - C. GARCIE EARL SMITH was born June 20, 1897, in Vermillion County, Indiana. He married Pearl Hall in Vermillion County, Indiana, November 22, 1916. She died June 9, 1963, and Garcie remarried, February 4, 1965, to Mildred Miller. The children of Garcie and Pearl Smith are: (1) Charles O., born June 11, 1917; died June 2, 1920; (2) William A., born October 25, 1919; died on May 24, 1922; (3) Arla Faye, wife of Joe Sollars, and mother of Linda L., Joe Jr., and Roy Earl Sollars; (4) Barbara Jean, wife of Gene Carter, and mother of Debbie Jean, Sandra Kay, Denise Lynn and Steven Smith Carter; and (5) Patricia Ann, wife of Fred Goodwald, and mother of Michael Lee, Julie Lee and Cindy Lee Goodwald.
  - D. BERTHA IRENE SMITH was born October 26, 1901, in Vermillion County, Indiana. She and Edward Allen Cole were married in Vermillion County, Indiana, June 2, 1923. The children of Edward and Bertha Cole are: (1) Edgar Eugene, who married Sara Jan Wooster and is the father of Risa Lynn and Larry Gene Cole; (2) Reva Loretta, wife of Harold Weller, and mother of Steven Alan, Ronald Dean, Kathleen and Mary Ellen Weller; (3) Frieda Ellen, wife of Glenn Leroy Biesecker, and mother of Sharon Kay, Melanie Ann, Timothy Scott and Mark Allen Biesecker.
  - E. LUCRETIA CATHERINE SMITH was born February 2, 1906, in Vermillion County, Indiana. She was married August 25, 1923, in Chicago, Illinois, to Charles William Peyton, who was born June 13, 1902, in Milford, Illinois, the son of Charles France and Estella Moses Peyton. The children of Charles and Lucretia Peyton are: (1) Charles Curtis, born July 6, 1925, in Warren County, Indiana, and died December 26, 1945, in Sani Maria, Italy, in World War II;



(2) Vivian Loetta, wife of Glen William Schultz, and mother of Connie Sue and Janet Lyn Schultz; (3) William Earl, married Janet Ann Cade (the daughter of Guy and Hilda Harrington Cade) and father of Curtis Scott Peyton.

II. DAVID ALBERT SMITH was born November 30, 1867, and died April 22, 1940. He is buried in Hopewell Cemetery. He was married February 14, 1900, in Watseka, Illinois, to Mary Catherine Hickman.

The children of David and Mary Smith are:

A. An infant died at birth on March 28, 1902.

B. JAMES CLIFFORD SMITH was born December 8, 1908, and married March 7, 1936, in Paxton, Illinois, to Elsie Marie Andrews. Their children are: (1) Robert James, married Carolyn Jane Hostetler in Joliet, Illinois. They have no children. (2) Eva May, wife of Donald Arthur Richardson, and mother of Janell Lyn, Marcell Marie and Randa Ann Richardson.

C. JOHN RHODES SMITH was born and died in 1914.

III. MARY ELIZABETH SMITH was born September 4, 1869, and died July 7, 1952. She was not married. She was buried in Hopewell Cemetery.

IV. JAMES ANDREW SMITH was born December 28, 1870, and died September 1, 1949. He was not married. He was buried in Hopewell Cemetery.

V. THOMAS MELVIN SMITH was born January 27, 1874, and died October 19, 1934. He and Mary Elizabeth Forbes were married October 17, 1894, at Ridgefarm, Illinois. She was born June 9, 1870, and died July 24, 1934. They are buried in Hopewell. The children of Thomas and Mary Smith are:

A. ELSIE EDITH SMITH was born January 21, 1898. She married Frank Adolph Rudolph, February 16, 1920. Frank was born July 28, 1895. Their children are: (1) Glenn Henry, born November 3, 1922; died November 6, 1922; (2) Thelma Irene, born August 12, 1929; died July 7, 1930; (3) Mary Sophia, wife of Claude Albert Law, and mother of Marvin Dale, Claudia Darlene, Colleen Kay and Darrel Dean Law; (4) Evelyn June, wife of Thomas C. Thompson, and mother of Gregory Alan, Linda Carol and Michael Scott Thompson; (5) Lloyd Francis, married Marlene Jane Wall, and father of Kathy Darlene and Kevin Lloyd Rudolph.

B. ZOLA MAY SMITH was born July 8, 1901. She and Carl Crouse were married July 1, 1922, in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. Carl was born June 24, 1891, and died December 11, 1965, in New Port Richey, Florida. Their children are: (1) John William, married Helen Colclough, and is the father of Gloria Kay and Debra Kay Crouse; (2) James Howard, married Ellen Lorraine Howard, and father of James Earl, Vene Sue and Linda Lou Crouse; (3) Robert Melvin, married Beverly Ann Powell (now divorced), and father of Sandra Lynn and Alan Wayne Crouse; (4) Richard Norton, married to Ann Elizabeth Servies, and father of Jayne Ann and Thomas Richard Crouse; (5) Donna May, wife of Robert Forrest Allen, and mother of Steven Ray, Dennis Leon and Barbara Diane Allen.

VI. FRANCIS SMITH was born August 27, 1877, and died unmarried February 24, 1891. He was buried in Hopewell Cemetery.



VII. ROSA ANN SMITH was born July 8, 1879, and died December 25, 1938. She was not married. She was buried in Hopewell Cemetery.

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### SQUIRE GOFF

Almon, David and Brainard Goff, early settlers of Indiana, were the sons of Squire Goff. Squire Goff was born about 1761 in Chatham district, near Colster or Colchester, near Middletown, Connecticut.<sup>1</sup> In 1784, he married Experience BRAINERD.<sup>2</sup> In 1804, Squire Goff, with his family, his parents, at least some of his brothers, and perhaps other relatives moved to Rush, Monroe County, New York. (The Vermillion County, Indiana, history and the Guernsey source state 1804, but the Monroe County, New York, history says that they moved to New York before 1800.) The place where they settled became known as Goff's Settlement.<sup>3</sup>

Experience Brainerd Goff died in Rush, in 1814<sup>4</sup> (1812 or 1817<sup>5</sup>). Squire Goff married again in 1816 to Mrs. Eunice Brainerd Rowley, widow of Samuel Rowley and a sister to his first wife.<sup>6</sup>

Squire Goff was a Baptist minister. Some sources say that he was the first minister of the Baptist Church in Monroe County. The Monroe County history calls Squire "Elder" Goff.

The Brainerd Genealogy states that Squire died about 1825 near Lewiston, Canada. But the Monroe history indicates that he died in Monroe County.

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### MARY GOFF McLAUGHLIN BOUGHNER ANOTHER DAUGHTER OF DAVID AND MARY HUGHES GOFF

Mrs. Maizie Judson, 5317 University Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana 46219, has given us the following information on the family of Mary Goff (see Issue 1, Page 4, # 9).

Mary Goff, born September 8, 1849, was the last child in the family of David and Mary Hughes Goff. She died January 20, 1939. She married William McLaughlin, November 21, 1878. William was born December 25, 1851, in Ireland. He died August 23, 1900. She married again to Luther Boughner. She and William are buried in Hopewell Cemetery. There were no children by her second marriage.

The children of William and Mary Goff McLaughlin were:

- I. LORA BELLE McLAUGHLIN was born August 3, 1879, in Highland Township, Vermillion

County, Indiana. She was married October 30, 1897, to George Asbury Smith, the son of Hiram and Mary A. Switzer Smith. George was born November 6, 1874, and died August 8, 1955. Lora Belle died February 1, 1967. They are buried in the Hopewell Cemetery.

The children of George and Lora McLaughlin Smith are:

- A. MARY VERA SMITH, born September 13, 1898, married Frank Crisp. They have four children.
- B. LOLA GRACE SMITH, born October 12, 1900, married Russel Patton. They have three children.
- C. MAIZIE MARIE SMITH, born June 12, 1902, married Willet E. Judson. They have two children.
- D. WILLIAM D. SMITH, born March 12, 1905, married Lacy Woods. They have five children.
- E. ETHEL LUCILE SMITH, born November 14, 1906, died in 1922, and is buried in Hopewell Cemetery.
- F. ONA IRENE SMITH, born January 4, 1909, married George J. Kurich. They have three children.
- G. SAMUEL HIRAM SMITH, born April 19, 1911, married Gertrude Ferguson. He died May 6, 1949, and is buried in Union Chapel Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- H. EDITH BELLE SMITH, born January 21, 1914, married Harold Summers.
- I. GUY EDWARD SMITH, born March 14, 1918, married Geraldine Denton. They have four children.
- J. GLENN LEROY SMITH, born November 5, 1920, married Celestine Keller. They have four children.

II. CHARLES E. McLAUGHLIN was born June 12, 1881, and died May 11, 1944. He first married Iola May Rhodes, who was born in 1883 and died in 1909. He married again to Olga Carter, who was born May 8, 1882. He is buried in Hopewell Cemetery. The children of Charles and Iola Rhodes McLaughlin are:

- A. MARY McLAUGHLIN, born September 28, 1905, married Lloyd Hayman. They have four children.
- B. IOLA McLAUGHLIN, born September 8, 1908, married Frederick McClure. They have five children.

The child of Charles and Olga Carter McLaughlin is:

- C. CHARLES WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN, born February 24, 1926.

III. ETHEL MAE McLAUGHLIN was born February 26, 1884. She died October 12, 1964. She married Martin Louis Boughner, who was born March 16, 1879, and died March 2, 1918. After his death, she married again to John Young. They are buried in Hopewell Cemetery.

The children of Martin and Ethel McLaughlin Boughner are:



- A. OPAL ALBERTA BOUGHNER, born October 9, 1903, married Vernon Hegg. They have five children.
- B. FRANCIS CULLEN BOUGHNER, born July 1, 1904, married Wilma Compton. They have three children.
- C. GEORGE WILLIAM BOUGHNER, born October 27, 1912, married first to Doris Dickerson. They have two children. Married second to Margarite ?

IV. MARY MAUDE McLAUGHLIN was born December 15, 1891. She died in 1941 and was buried in Hopewell Cemetery. She first married Edward Carmichael and second to ? Kidd. She had one son, William Carmichael, born August 29, 1921. William married first Laverne Demmin and second Rosamond Mills. He has one child by each marriage.

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Experience Brainerd, wife of Squire Goff, and mother of Almon, David and Brainard, was born October 3, 1765, in Haddam, Middlesex County, Connecticut. She was the sixth of the sixteen children of Ludley and Mindwell Brainerd. She died in Monroe County, New York. (see page 14)

She and Squire Goff were the parents of fourteen children. The Brainerd source gives Rush, New York, as the birthplace of all of their children. However, most of their children were probably born in Connecticut as the move to New York did not occur until 1804. These children are listed in the order that they appear in the Brainerd Genealogy. This is not necessarily the order of their birth. For example, it is known that Almon was older than David. Unless stated otherwise, the following data comes from the Brainerd Genealogy.<sup>2</sup>

- I. RUSSEL GOFF was born September 16, 1785. He married Phebe Gorton, September 15, 1806. He died January 6, 1849. She died in 1888. Their children were (A) Philo Goff, born August 5, 1808, and died January 3, 1885. His daughter Phebe, born July 8, 1832, married a Mr. Foot and resided in Utica, Macomb County, Michigan; (B) Hiram Goff; (C) Lydia Goff; (D) Sally Goff, born January 18, 1818, married October 8, 1837, to George H. Preston.
- II. CLARISSA GOFF was born April 17, 1787, and died April 8, 1871. She married Harvey Goff.
- III. ROSWELL GOFF was married three times. His wives (in this order) were Fanny Davis, Betsey Thompson and Eunice Billings. The Monroe history gives a biographical sketch of Henry H. Goff, son of Roswell and Betsey. According to this account, Roswell died in Michigan. Henry H. was born September 20, 1821. His wife was Sarah E., the daughter of Harvey J. Wright. Children of Henry and Sarah were Frank M. and Burton M. Goff.<sup>3</sup> The names of any other children of Roswell Goff are unknown.
- IV. SQUIRE GOFF was born in 1791. He was married in Mendon, Monroe County, New York, to Lodema Newton, in 1815. He died in 1873. They resided in Mendon. They had one son and four daughters. Pension file SC 10988 in the National Archives indicates that he served in the War of 1812 as a private under Joel Dunks and Colonel Fleming from September 9 to December 13, 1813. He enlisted at Rush and was discharged at Fort George in Canada.
- V. BRAINARD GOFF settled in LaPorte County, Indiana.

- VI. LAURA GOFF married David Burdic.
- VII. DEMIS or DIMMIS GOFF married William Kelsey.
- VIII. DAVID GOFF settled in Vermillion County, Indiana.
- IX. ALMON GOFF settled in Vermillion County, Indiana.
- X. TIMOTHY GOFF married Lucena Thompson. He died April 8, 1871.
- XI. STILLMAN GOFF married his cousin Sophia Rowley of Albion, New York. They lived in Barry, Orleans County, New York.
- XII. LUCRETIA GOFF married William Farnum or Forman.
- XIII. ELECTA GOFF married Anson Crawford. They lived in Canada. She died in Lansing, Michigan, and was buried in Prestonville, Canada.
- XIV. WARREN GOFF

Sources (corresponding with the numbers in the last section):

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3. Peck, William F. Op. cit., p. 9

We would appreciate hearing from descendants of Squire and Experience Brainerd Goff. Please send any corrections or additions which you may have to the editor.

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Brainard Goff was the third brother of the threemember Goff party that came to Indiana in 1823 (see pages 2 and 7). One account records Brainard's birthdate as December 18, 1792; thus, Brainard was the oldest of the three brothers. Almon and David were the other two brothers.

Brainard helped to defend his country against Great Britain in the War of 1812. He volunteered for service on or about Sept. 9, 1813, at Avon, Ontario County, New York. (In another place in his pension application he names Bloomfield, New York, as the place he volunteered.) He was discharged on or about Dec. 8, 1813, at Fort George in Canada.

He was a private in the New York Militia under the command of Captain John Hewey, Lieutenant Price and General McClure. Brainard relates that "he went to Fort Niagara and then volunteered to cross the line to Fort George and was at Fort George when General Harrison's army came down from Malden." (This information comes from the pension applications which Brainard made in 1850 and 1871. In an application made by his widow in 1881, John Hines is named as the commander of the company in which Brainard served, Pension File #WC32173, National Archives).

In her pension application, his widow gave the following as a description of Brainard at the time of his enlistment: 17 years of age, occupation-farmer, born in Connecticut, hair-dark brown, eyes-blue, and fair complexion. (It should be noted that if Brainard was 17 in 1813 he was not born in 1792.)

The three Goff brothers were in Crawford Co., Ill., by 1818 (see page 7). Brainard and Electa Hungerford were married in Crawford Co. on July 29, 1821, by John W. Barton, J.P. Electa was the widow of James Hungerford who died in Crawford Co. (Does anyone know Electa's maiden name?)

The brothers and their families (Almon and Brainard were married; David was not) settled in Vermillion County, Indiana, in 1823. Brainard and Electa had at least three children. (She also had children by her marriage to James Hungerford.) Between 1828 and 1831, Electa died in Vermillion Co. It is believed that Electa was buried in the Lowe Cemetery, north of Perrysville, Ind. Two small footstones marked "E. G." have been found there.

Brainard married again in Vermillion County on Sept. 24 (or 25), 1831, to Abigail (Abby) Coon, by Thomas Chenoweth, J.P. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Center Township, LaPorte County, Indiana, where Brainard died June 6, 1881.

We do not have a complete list of Brainard's nine children. In a letter written by Brainard to his brother David he mentions his children - Lyman B., Jerome, Christian, Lodema and Squire G. (Source: Mrs. Maizie Judson, 5317 University Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46219) These were probably children by his second wife. It is known that he had at least three children by Electa, the third of which was Allen Goff. This leaves three other children which we have not yet identified.

The following two excerpts were taken from THE HISTORY OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, published by the Chas. C. Chapman and Co., in 1880.



Page 644 - Center Twp.

"S. G. Goff, farmer, sec. 30, P.O. LaPorte; was born in LaPorte Co. in 1834, a son of Brainard and Abigail (Coon) Goff, natives of New York and Ohio, who settled in this county in 1832. He was among the first pioneers to open up a farm, and is at this day a living relic of early days, in the 86th year of his age. The subject was married in 1856 to Miss Martha Wright, a native of Michigan; to these have been born three children, two of whom are living. Mr. Goff is one of the oldest natives of the county; politically he is a stalwart Republican."

Page 816 - Noble Twp.

"Allen Goff, son of Brainard Goff was born in Vermillion Co., Ind., in 1828, and is of Dutch descent; his mother died when he was only an infant; parents were both natives of New York. He was married in 1850 to Mary Ann Robbins, who is now 50 years old and the mother of seven children; of the latter only three are now living: Ida, Orlando and Emma. He owns where he lives on section 34, 90 acres of good land worth about \$40 per acre. When young his advantages for securing an education were rather poor, being compelled to attend subscription schools in log houses; however, he now reads a great deal. Politically, he is a Republican. Mr. Goff has been and is now a hard working man, who is highly respected in the community. He is the third in a family of nine children, and he has earned all he has by hard work."

#### LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, MARRIAGE RECORDS

The following Goff marriages are recorded in LaPorte Co., Ind.

Name	Spouse	Date	Book	Page
Goff, Albion(Allen)	Mary Ann Robbins	Aug. 21, 1851	R-C	64
Goff, Alice	Rinaldo B. Goff	Sept. 10, 1868	F	302
Goff, Alice M.	Sylvester Bertram	Oct. 20, 1876	H	128
Goff, Alonzo	Ella Buttler	Mar. 16, 1890	R-K	194
Goff, Bertha	Edward W. Rueppel	Jan. 5, 1915	U	226
Goff, Blanche A.	Wilbert H. Rockey	Lic. Jan. 15, 1891	R-K	317
Goff, Carrio	Ben Yarger	July 31, 1904	R-P	229
Goff, Christina L.	Fred Marquardt	Jan. 1, 1881	R-I	63
Goff, Clifford L.	Nettie Travis	June 26, 1907	Q	452
Goff, Elizabeth M.	Charles W. Hollenbeck	Oct. 20, 1886	J	317
Goff, Emma	William Glancy	Dec. 13, 1882	R-I	379
Goff, Geneva	Bert L. Benning	Oct. 11, 1913	T	441
Goff, Glenn	Lulu Rook	July 21, 1910	R-S	79
Goff, Ida E.	John Scarborough	June 13, 1877	H	198
Goff, Lorenz	Sydia Canfield	June 28, 1868	F	289
Goff, Loudema N.	Joseph VanDusen	June 12, 1884	R-J	29
Goff, Lyman	Harriet E. Mayhew	Jan. 11, 1870	F	427
Goff, Orlando	Katie Geisler	June 6, 1882	R-I	288
Goff, Rinaldo	Alice M. Goff	Sept. 10, 1868	F	302
Goff, Squire	Harriet G. VanDusen	May 31, 1892	R-K	506
Goff, Squire G.	Martha J. Rice	Sept. 4, 1856	R-D	92
Goff, Tessie	Bernard McDermott	Jan. 17, 1917	V	241
Goff, William B.	Daisy Wright	Dec. 26, 1901	R-D	305

The following information is found in the Marriage Application Records of LaPorte County.

Bertha Goff, the daughter of Jerome Goff and Melissa Thomas, was born Feb. 19, 1886 (Book R-16, page 387).

Clifford L. Goff, son of Jerome Goff and Melissa Thomas, was born Nov. 17, 1875 (bk. R-4, p. 34).

Geneva Goff, daughter of Jerome Goff and Melissa Thomas, was born July 22, 1888 (bk. R-15, P. 298).

Glenn Goff, son of O. H. Goff and Letta Pundy, was born Mar. 30, 1889 (bk. R-9, p. 304).

Tessie Goff, daughter of Michael Goff and Cath. O'Rourke, was born June 18, 1885 (bk. R-2A, P. 1012).

#### LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, BIRTH RECORDS

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>
Robt. W.	William Goff	Daisy Wright	July 29, 1905	CH-12	34
female	Jerome Goff		Feb. 19, 1882	CH-1	2
female	J. F. Goff	Malissie Thomas	Apr. 1, 1884	CH-1	62
female	Jerome F. Goff	M. Thomas	July 22, 1886	CH-2	10
female	Jerome F. Goff	M. Thomas	Oct. 4, 1891	CH-A	214
female	Jerome F. Goff	M. Thomas	Oct. 4, 1891	CH-5	20
male	Louie Goff		June 10, 1894	CH-A	278

#### LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, DEATH RECORDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Goff, Anie L.	20	Jan. 26, 1890	Center Twp.	H-20 22
Goff, Jerome	47	Mar. 22, 1891	LaPorte	H-20 42
Goff, Josephine	1	Oct. 20, 1892	LaPorte	H-20 66
Goff, Katherine	53	Sept. 10, 1914	Cass	H-29 19
Goff, Orlando G.	54	July 20, 1917	Cass	H-29 60
Goff, Squire G.	72	July 29, 1907	Center	H-26 13
Goff, Squire G.	72	July 29, 1907	LaPorte	H-27 23
Goff, male	--	June 10, 1894	LaPorte Co.	H-20 92

The above marriage, birth and death records were taken from records which have been copied and placed in the Indiana State Library. Apparently some of the names were miscopied. Notice that the wife of Squire G. is listed as Martha J. Rice, whereas, the excerpt from the county history indicates her name was Wright.

We would appreciate hearing from descendants of Brainard Goff.

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Mrs. H. M. Coffing, Rt. 3, Box 81, Covington, Indiana 47932, has submitted the following information. She reports that this was taken from a newspaper which was printed in New York State in 1911.

"In 1803, James Wadsworth, as agent for Jeremiah Wadsworth, who was the owner of 5000 acres of land in what is now Rush (New York); prosecuted a system of exchanging wild lands for farms, 'When their occupants would become settlers', and went to Connecticut to induce emigration. Elder Squire Goff (father of Almon, David and Brainard) was then the pastor of a small Baptist church in Hartford, and Mr. Wadsworth offered such great inducements to Elder Goff that he came west to see the lands, and was so pleased he purchased for himself 130 acres at \$4.50 an acre, and then returned east to induce others to come here with him. The following spring he came back and with him five brothers and their families and his father. They settled in one locality; known as the 'Goff Settlement' and here was founded the First Baptist colony with a house for worship and a settled minister in what is now Monroe County. Elder Goff preached at different houses until 1806, when Mr. Wadsworth donated four acres of land to the town, called 'The Square', and on it was erected a frame building, the lumber for which was obtained at Norton's Mill (now Honeoye Falls), that served as the 'meeting and school house' until



1830. Here Elder Goff administered to his society until 1816, when he removed to Lewiston. He died in Canada in 1825. He was the father of fourteen children."

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#### EDWARD GOFF

The following information has also been supplied by Mrs. Coffing...

STILLMAN GOFF was the eleventh child of Squire and Experience Brainard Goff. (see page 17). His birth and death dates are presently unknown. He married his cousin Sophia Rowley of Albion, New York. His children included Edward F., William Henry Harrison and William. (Were there more?)

EDWARD F. GOFF was born about 1836 (aged 24 in 1860 census) in New York. He exhibited the traditional Goff pioneer spirit, left his family in New York and headed westward. In 1860, he was living with his Uncle David Goff in Highland Township, Vermillion County, Indiana. The 1860 census indicates that he was a school teacher at that time.

Edward was married three times - first to Mary Shelly; second to Mary Hurst; and the third wife was named Carrie ? . There were no children by the third wife.

The children of Edward F. and Mary Shelly Goff were:

I. IDA GOFF married L. Hayes. Their children were:

- A. William Edward (Eddie) Hayes.
- B. Virgil Hayes married Beulah ? and Nancy Lyons; father of Jack and Patty.
- C. Pearl Hayes, wife of Ward Graves and mother of Lois Yvonne.

II. AMOS STILLMAN GOFF, born May 2, 1867, died April 12, 1950. He and Lucy Anna VanCleave were married March 8, 1891. She was born March 14, 1867, and died May 5, 1950.

The children of Stillman and Lucy Goff are:

- A. HOMER CLAUDE GOFF, born Oct. 4, 1893, married Feb. 15, 1916, to Barbara Ethel Grenard. She was born Feb. 16, 1892. Their children are:
  - 1. BARBARA KATHRYN GOFF, born Jan. 3, 1917, married Sept. 15, 1940, to Harold M. Coffing, born Feb. 19, 1916. They are parents of:
    - a. Charles Homer Coffing, born Nov. 12, 1941, married Nov. 16, 1966, to Ruby Shen Tze Yang, born Mar. 26, 1943.
    - b. Harold Eugene Coffing, born Jan. 17, 1943, married Nov. 14, 1963, to Sara Kay Fuller, born Jan. 13, 1944; parents of Charles S., born May 10, 1964, and Sherry Kay, born June 26, 1966.
    - c. David Lawrence Coffing, born July 15, 1949.
    - d. Barbara Elaine Coffing, born Sept. 5, 1951.
    - e. James Edward Coffing, born Dec. 15, 1954.
  - 2. ALICE ROSALIND GOFF, born April 16, 1922, married May, 1946, to Jean Alvin Clark, born April 14, ? . Their children are:
    - a. Rachel JoAnn Clark, born Jan. 21, 1947.
    - b. Kenn Alan Clark, born Feb. 12, 1951.

B. ROY GOFF

- C. VERNA IDA GOFF, born June 18, 1896, married on her 50th birthday to John B. Miller.

D. LEVERETT EARL GOFF married Twila Wright. Their children are:

- 1. BETTY GOFF, wife of Harold Binford.
- 2. PAUL GOFF married Lois Miles.
- 3. AMOS CARLTON GOFF married Mary Rose Hamilton.



- III. CHARLES M. GOFF married Mattie Alexander. Their children are:
- A. MARIE GOFF married Gene Quick. Parents of Martha Jean and Ruth Ann.
  - B. LOIS GOFF married Charles Simison. Parents of Patty (Mrs. Robert Rodue-bush) and Charles Byron Simison.
  - C. GLADYS GOFF married Albert Works. Parents of Wandalene, Janette and Deanne (?).
  - D. OLIVE GOFF married Leland Rauch.
- IV. WALTER C. GOFF died as a child.
- V. BERTHA GOFF, born Sept. 18, 1882, married Dec. 24, 1902, to Garrett A. Larew. She died Nov. 3, 1951. Their children are:
- A. Walter Larew married Kay ? . They have one son and one daughter.
  - B. Lena Larew married Leslie Sentman. Parents of Virginia and Mary.
  - C. Merle Larew
  - D. Mary Larew married ? Diegel.
  - E. Edward Larew married Una Schenck. Parents of Rosalie, Lois, Sharon and Edward.
  - F. Charles Larew married Bonnie Busenbark. Parents of Rex, Ronald and a daughter.
  - G. Mildred Larew married Willard Harrocks and John Mellott. Children by first husband were Nancy, Joan, Carol and Mildred. There were no children by the second marriage.
  - H. Ruth Larew married John Myers and Leslie Terry. Children by first husband were Carroll, Diana, Nancy and John. There were no children by the second.
  - I. Bob Larew married Phyllis Deckard. Parents of James and ? .
  - J. Billy Larew married Dorothy ? .
  - K. Betty Larew married Tom Ping.

The children of Edward F. and Mary Hurst Goff were:

- VI. RAY GOFF, married Kathryn Gasetti(?). Parents of Edward Goff.
- VII. CORA GOFF, married Raymond Tingley. Their children are:
  - A. Robert Tingley married Lucille ? . They have one son and one daughter.
  - B. Ruth Tingley married Ronald Sweatland. Parents of Raymond and Sharon.
  - C. Tom Tingley married Carol ? . They have six children.

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#### COMFORT GOFF

The father of Elder Squire Goff and grandfather of Almon, Brainard, David and Stillman was Comfort Goff. Comfort was born at Rehoboth, Mass., Sept. 25, 1734, the son of Robert Goff. Comfort and Susannah Garnsey (or Guernsey) were married at Rehoboth on Jan. 20, 1757, by the Elder Richard Round Jr. Susannah Garnsey was born June 24, 1737, at Rehoboth, the daughter of Seth and Hannah Millerd Garnsey.

After their marriage, Comfort and Susannah moved to near Middletown, Conn. About 1783, they moved to Winchester, N. H. (another source says Winchester, Conn.) He owned a farm on the Colebrook road in 1783 but sold it to Nathaniel Russell in 1784. He moved with six of his sons to Rush, Monroe Co., New York, in 1804. He died in Rush in 1819, aged 85 years. Susannah died at Rush in 1823 (or 1825).

Comfort and Susannah Garnsey Goff had the following children:

- I. CHARLES GOFF, born Nov. 3, 1758, in Chatham, Conn.; died Oct. 13, 1832, at Rush, New York.
- II. COMFORT GOFF Jr., born in 1759.
- III. ELIZABETH GOFF
- IV. SQUIRE GOFF, born about 1761, father of Almon, Brainard, David and Stillman.
- V. GUERNSLEY GOFF, born Nov. 13, 1766; died Aug. 6, 1835, in Rush, New York.
- VI. ENOCH GOFF

- VII. HANNAH GOFF
- VIII. HARVEY GOFF
- IX. RACHEL GOFF
- X. BELOVED GOFF married Lydia Wheeler.
- XI. WILLIAM GOFF

(Sources for section on Comfort Goff: 1911 New York newspaper clipping submitted by Mrs. Coffing and THE GARNSEY-GUERNSEY GENEALOGY, by Eva Garnsey Card and Howard A. Guernsey, Interstate Publishing Co., Danville, Ill., 1963, page 257)

This issue completes the first volume of GOFF FAMILY NOTES. We are discontinuing publishing GOFF NOTES in this periodical form. However, we have gathered a great deal more information on the Goff family and anticipate printing it in a future volume (not separate issues as we have done volume one). Everyone on the mailing list will be notified when volume two is ready for distribution.

Many of you have not sent any information relating to your Goff family. We would appreciate receiving this for volume two. We are grateful for those of you who have sent your family records.

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